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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC, JCS WASHDC MAY 16,
1973 FROM BAMAKO IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

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SUBJ: GRAIN AIRLIFT

1. GRAIN AIRLIFT BEGINNING TOMORROW, MAY 17 WITH C-130 FLYING
13 TONS OF GRAIN TO TIMBUKTU IN CONJUNCTION WITH FIELD RECONNAIS-
SANCE TO SIXTH REGION AIRPORTS. FURTHER SHIPMENTS WILL BE MADE
MAY 18 AND 19 AND ADVANCE PARTY FLIES TO FORT LAMY MAY 20,
RETURNING HERE MAY 21 TO CONTINUE AIRLIFT. THIS WAS AGREED ON
AT MEETINGS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY AMBASSADOR AND GENERAL MORRIS
WITH MALIAN RELIEF COORDINATOR, DEFENSE MINISTER DOUKARA.
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DOUKARA EXPRESSED MALIAN GOVERNMENT' S PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR
US AIRLIFT AND FOR US EMERGENCY GRAIN SHIPMENTS. SAID ALL
THIS SIGN OF DEEP AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING FOR
MALI. MANY LIVES WILL BE SAVED AS RESULT OUR EFFORTS.

2. RECEPTION OF C-130 AND ADVANCE PARTY THIS MORNING WAS EFFICIENT
AND CORDIAL. LATER TECHNICAL MEETING WITH CHIEF MALIAN AIR
FORCE WAS VERY SATISFACTORY, WITH MALIANS RESPONDING
TO ALL ADVANCE PARTY REQUESTS. GENERAL MORRIS AND ADVANCE
PARTY VERY PLEASED. EXCELLENT START HAS BEEN MADE FOR THE
FUTURE.

3. DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO APPROPRIATE MILITARY COMMANDS.
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